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Docket No. TK-077

Examiner : D. Romeo  
Group Art Unit : 1647  
Applicants : Hermann Oppermann, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/374,936  
Filed : August 16, 1999  
For : MODIFIED PROTEINS AND DNAs OF THE TGF- $\beta$   
SUPERFAMILY, INCLUDING MODIFIED  
MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

Hon. Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

New York, New York  
January 16, 2001

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☐ a Preliminary  
Amendment; ☒ a Reply to Office Action; ☐ a Supplemental  
Amendment; ☐ a substitute Specification; ☐ a  
Declaration; ☐ a Supplemental Declaration; ☐ a Power of  
Attorney; ☐ an Associate Power of Attorney; ☐ formal  
drawings; to be filed in the above-identified patent  
application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	-	*	=	X \$ 18	= \$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	-	**	=	X \$ 80	= \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				+ \$270	= \$
					TOTAL \$
* If less than 20, insert 20.					
** If less than 3, insert 3.					

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#### EXTENSION FEE

[ ] The following extension is applicable to the Response filed herewith; [ ] \$110.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$390.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$890.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$1,390.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); \$1,890.00 within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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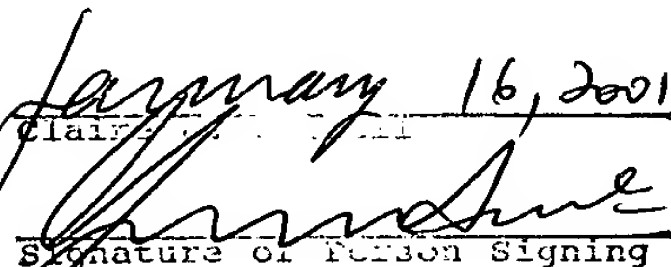
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the December 14, 2000 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this reply before the expiration of the shortened statutory period for this reply -- January 16, 2001 (January 14, 2001 being a Sunday and January 15, 2001 being a holiday) -- and thus no extension fee is due.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims of this application under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into one of the following six Groups:

Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a protein comprising a dimer wherein the monomers are chimeras of TGF- $\beta$